

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The Specification has been amended to correct typographical errors, and the amendments made thereto do not incorporate new matter into the application as originally filed.

For example, support for the amendment to the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 20 occurs at page 32, line 17; support for the amendment of the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 5 occurs at page 32, line 18 to page 33, line 4, and in Table 1 at page 36; and support for the amendment to the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 4 occurs in Table 1 at page 36.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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